

from Group G, a mitochondrial matrix-targeting sequence.

Applicants' understanding is that the procedures of MPEP 803.02 will be followed, in that non-elected species will be examined if the elected species is found to be patentable.

Claims 1, 3-10, 13-17, 45-56, and 59-61 read on the elected species.

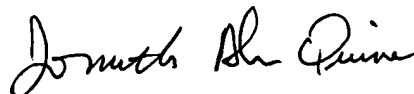
Applicants note that this election may not be taken as a dedication to the public of the non-elected group (or any other subject matter) and Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims and to traverse any restriction requirement that may be applied in any divisional or continuation application.

### CONCLUSION

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871.

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